Patent Application Serial No.: 09/751268 Docket No.:45060-00006USPX

REMARKS

It is noted for the record that these new claims, especially given the pre-examination status of the Application, are not presented in response to any rejections or any particular prior art. These new claims are intended to comport with the patent laws of the United States and the customary practices of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Patent Application Serial No.: 09/751268 Docket No.:45060-00006USPX

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this Application as amended and earnestly solicit an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

JENKENS & GILCHRIST, P.C.

Richard J. Moura Attorney of Record Reg. No. 34,883

Date: Villing /3, 2001

1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 3200

Dallas, Texas 75202

(214) 855-4709

(214) 855-4300 (fax)